

COURT REFORM DRAWS FIRE IN TEXAS HOUSE

AUTO STRIKE CONFERENCES ARE RESUMED

Night Meeting Called by Governor Murphy After General Motors Leaders and Union Chief Issue Statements—Cooperation Is Pledged.

Detroit, Feb. 9. (P)—General Motors consented today to continue discussions to end the widespread automotive strike, after indicating it saw no use in further conferences. The almost complete silence that has marked six days of conversations between representatives of the corporation and striking union members was broken last night with the issuance of a formal statement by the automobile company of its position.

Both Sides Speak.
Until then Governor Frank Murphy, who called the parties together at the behest of President Roosevelt, had made the only public comments upon the proceedings. General Motors' first statement was followed a few hours later by one from John L. Lewis, director-general of the strike.

The corporation assured Gov. Murphy of its readiness to respond to an early call by him to resume conferences, if in his judgment any good could result therefrom.

Lewis revealed for the first time that a proposal had been under consideration to resume operations in General Motors plants immediately if the corporation would accept the union's demand for recognition as the bargaining agency for employees in 20 plants.

Notwithstanding the divergence of opinions expressed in the statements of the opposing sides, Governor Murphy declared that "I feel the parties are closer together now than at any time."

The Governor announced they would reconvene tonight.

Last night's "crucial" meeting, which the Governor had said would be brief—lasted six hours and there were indications that the deadlock might result in a cessation, at least temporarily, of the negotiations.

Strike Cost Mounts.
The situation was electrified by General Motors' announcement that it would make an "important statement" soon after one of its conferees left the meeting while it was in progress. He apparently surprised the preparation of the statement.

As sit-down strikers remained in two Fisher body plants at Flint, focal point of the strike, the loss in earnings to workers continued to mount.

A reliable source estimated the total payroll loss, including today, as \$22,000,000. The loss in business to the company was incalculable as factory wheels slowed down to the point that not a single passenger car was being completed. The General Motors truck division, however, was running at top speed.

4-H CLUB BOYS PLAN FOR YEAR
MEMBERS AT FIVE-IN-ONE ENROLL FOR VARIOUS FARM PROJECTS

Enrollment for cotton, grain sorghum, beef calves, swine and poultry demonstrations in 1937 was made Monday afternoon at a meeting of the Five-in-One 4-H Club. The meeting was held at the Five-in-One school with 28 members and C. G. Freeling, club leader, and Fred Rannels, Wilbarger County Farm Agent, present. Otto Obenhaus, sponsor, was unable to be present.

Plans were made for entry of calves fed by Otto Obenhaus, Jr., Eddie Obenhaus and Clarence Freeling in the District 4-H Club calf show to be held in Wichita Falls March 4, 5 and 6. Twenty prizes will be offered at the show, 10 in the senior and 10 in the junior divisions. The senior division consists of calves over 900 pounds in weight and the junior division consists of calves under that weight. The Five-in-One Club members have been feeding calves, which they plan to enter in the show, since last September.

Election of officers to succeed Horace Abston, president, and Louis Kirschnick, secretary, will take place at the next regular meeting which will be held Feb. 15.

Plans were also made for a meat identification team to represent the club in the county contest, the winner of which will be sent to the State contest next Summer. A Wilbarger County team placed sixth in the State contest in 1936.

The Five-in-One club has an "excellent record," Mr. Rannels stated, "having conducted regular meetings throughout almost all of the past year and otherwise been active in 4-H Club work."

Nominated for Judge.
Washington, Feb. 9. (P)—President Roosevelt has nominated Alfred P. Murran of Oklahoma, to be a Federal District Judge for the Eastern, Western and Northern districts of Oklahoma.

Coyotes Chase Deer Into Alaskan Town

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 9. (P)—Alaskans peeped out of their homes on Main Street today with their six-shooters cocked to see if any more cold crazed coyotes were chasing deer through the town.

Trappers had reported that coyotes, nearly starved, had been making great inroads among deer around Cordova. But even old-timers were shocked when a couple of coyotes chased the deer right through town Monday, killed and ate parts of the carcass and escaped before citizens could kill them.

C. C. ORGANIZES DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR'S ACTIVITY

The organization of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce into seven distinct departments in order to expedite the 1937 work program and increase general efficiency was approved by the board of directors and at the same time 22 new members were received as a result of the annual membership campaign.

The entire membership of the Chamber will be divided as equally as possible into the seven departments, with one member of the board serving as director of each department. One or more committees in each department will be created to carry on the work of that division.

The departments and the committees of these departments are as follows:

Organization department. Committees: Executive, membership, finance.

Civic department. Committees: city beautification, education and public health, housing, city traffic, fire prevention, public works, city zoning, recreation.

Trade development department. Committees: retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers, vigilance.

Industrial department. Committees: agriculture, industrial, oil and gas.

Highway and tourist department. Committees: highways, tourist.

Conventions, publicity, and entertainment department. Committees: convention, publicity, entertainment.

Traffic department. Committees: traffic.

President T. Edgar Johnson will name the directors to head the various departments and the committee personnel within the departments, as well as dividing the membership into the seven divisions. Departmental meetings, and also committee meetings, will be held at intervals through the year.

Attending the meeting were President Johnson, J. L. Eggleston, J. R. Wright, R. S. Williams, J. N. Wright, C. W. Showers, A. A. Hines, H. B. Alexander, C. Q. Rogers, M. L. Sharp, Eunice Wilson, Guy Self, and Secretary L. A. Wilson.

TRIO INDICTED IN WENDEL CASE PLACED ON TRIAL
New York, Feb. 9. (P)—Three men indicted on charges of kidnapping and torturing Paul H. Wendel, former Trenton, N. J., attorney, forcing him to "confess" kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, went on trial Monday.

The State charges that Murray Bleeford, 28, Harry Weiss, 25, and Martin Schlossman, 27, abducted the former Trenton, N. J., attorney and forced a false confession from him admitting the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

Arguments on Pari-Mutuel Wagers Scheduled Before House Committee As Hearings Attract Many Citizens

Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—Arguments over repeal of the law which legalized pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing will be renewed before the State affairs committee of the House of Representatives tonight.

As many persons on opposite sides of the highly-controversial question arrived for the public airing, Representative J. Bryan Bradbury of Abilene, author of the repeal proposal, expressed confidence the committee would report favorably.

Citizens from many sections thronged the capitol last night for important hearings by House committees and the tide was due to increase with Senate committees preparing to go to work soon.

Hearings were held on ratification of the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution, increasing taxes on crude oil, stopping pollution of public waters and exempting private motor carriers from certain provisions of the motor truck law. Only one hearing was concluded.

The committee on highways and motor transportation favorably reported a bill by Representative Fred P. Knetsch of Seguin intended to

COMPROMISE RELIEF BILL IS APPROVED

\$949,000,000 Provided In Efficiency Measure—Passage Comes After Bitter Fight—\$1,000,000 Cut From Proposed RA Appropriation.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Congressional action was completed Monday night in the passing of a \$949,000,000 relief deficiency bill. Passage came as Administrator Harry L. Hopkins of the Works Progress Administration had been forced to curtail work on some emergency projects due to lack of relief funds.

The action came after a bitter fight over a Congressional custom that has developed under the New Deal—the use of WPA workers as investigators for Congressional investigating committees.

As finally passed the bill provides that 30 days after enactment Congressional committees may not use relief workers. This was similar to the original House proposal that no relief workers could be loaned Congressional committees—flatly cutting off aid that Senator Burton K. Wheeler's railroad investigation and Senator Robert M. LaFollette's civil liberties inquiries had been receiving.

The measure calls for expenditure of \$139,000,000 more than the \$750,000,000 originally proposed by Mr. Roosevelt. The difference is traceable chiefly to a \$95,000,000 appropriation to continue the Civilian Conservation Corps and a \$50,000,000 grant for seed loans to farmers.

Senate and House knocked out various proposals covering the use of relief workers by investigating committees on four separate occasions, and accepted the final compromise only because the appropriation was desperately needed.

RELIEF FUND NEARS GOAL
WILBARGER CONTRIBUTIONS MOUNT WITH OBJECTIVE SET AT \$1,100

Only \$23 is necessary to bring the Wilbarger County flood relief fund to the \$1,100 set by the County Chapter of the Red Cross as its goal. It was announced Tuesday.

Officials urged citizens to contribute the remaining sum as soon as possible. It was announced someone would be at the State Electric Company at all times to show those interested the large number of pictures of Wilbarger County and its residents which have been placed on sale at five and 10 cents each.

The proceeds from the sale of the pictures go to the flood relief fund. Officials of the Wilbarger organization expressed appreciation for the large amount of clothing and bedding which was donated for flood refugees and said that while the County's quota had been reached, the national organization is still in need of funds for relief activities and all contributions will be welcomed.

OVERLOADING OF BOAT IS BLAMED IN DEATH OF 24
New Madrid, Mo., Feb. 9. (P)—John N. Boyer, operator of a motor "push boat" attached to the barge which sank in the Mississippi River floodway Jan. 30, told a coroner's jury that overloading was responsible for the accident in which at least 24 men lost their lives.

SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS HEAR GOVERNOR ALLRED
Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—Governor Allred advocated Monday a strict uniform driver's license law and more effective regulation of trucks and buses.

Addressing the initial conference of a State-wide safety committee, the Chief Executive said uniform legislation necessarily must supplement the program to be evolved by the group of 100 citizens.

The program, he said, should be founded on engineering, enforcement and education.

"The road to traffic safety is neither blind nor unmarked," Allred asserted. "Other States have reduced their motor death toll in the face of a rapidly advancing National death average. I think that with the safety ammunition which will be passed out, combined with your own knowledge of State and local safety problems, you can return to your respective communities effectively armed for this State-wide war on traffic accidents."

The anti-pollution bill, by Representative Conde R. Hoskins of Gonzales, would name as polluting agencies acids, alkalies, crude, refined or waste oil which would interfere with re-generation of water, sawmill wastes, oil well slush, oilstream mud, sewage from municipalities, saline water which would raise the salinity of fresh water beyond a certain point, certain toxic substances and unclean ridge water.

FATHER OF MRS. LOPER SUCCUMBS AT DALLAS
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Loper and children are in Miami, Texas, to attend funeral services this afternoon for C. F. Christopher of Dallas. Mr. Christopher, father of Mrs. Loper, died early Monday morning at Dallas. He had visited in Vernon a number of times.

Wilbarger Expenditures In 1936 Total \$316,422

REPORT FOR YEAR GIVEN BY AUDITOR

Expenditures From Officers Salary Fund Far Exceeds Receipts From Fees—Old-union-Davidson Bridge Account Is Paid In Full.

Expenditures in Wilbarger County for the year ending Dec. 31, 1936, totaled \$316,422.70, according to the annual report submitted Monday to the Commissioners Court by County Auditor F. L. Massie on the financial condition of the county.

Resources for the year amounted to \$244,981.07, divided as follows: Balance, Jan. 1, 1936—\$102,128.27; receipts—\$305,413.58; refunds—\$6,600.78, and transfers—\$37,838.46, leaving a balance of \$277,719.88 on Dec. 31 in the county treasury. The county's balance in the State Treasury at the same time was \$39,991.47, making a total balance of \$317,711.35 at the beginning of 1937.

Receipts from fees taken at county offices during December are not included in the annual report as the receipts from this source are reported this month.

In the officers' salary fund, receipts from fees for 11 months totaled \$29,867.07 and expenditures \$32,851.57. Resources for this fund were supplemented with transfers of \$24,171.78, a transfer from the general fund providing \$25,690.75 of this amount. Receipts from fees in the office of the Assessor-Collector for the 11-month period covered in the report totaled \$10,608.56. Next in order were the County Clerk's office with \$5,339.15 and the Sheriff's office with \$1,677.57. Expenditures from the officers' salary fund in the same three offices for the entire year were: Assessor-Collector—\$11,154.85; County Clerk—\$7,802.84, and Sheriff—\$14,933.44.

Expenditures from the jury fund amounted to \$5,703.04, with \$4,877.25 of this amount for District Court.

Maintenance of county roads and bridges cost \$108,275.94, this amount being expended from the road and bridges fund.

Administrative expenditures amounted to \$38,594.12, paid out of the general fund. Other expenditures from this fund were: Charities, \$12,469.34; jail maintenance, \$5,476.75; judicial and law enforcement, \$1,860.11; health and sanitation, \$2,194.96; agriculture and livestock, \$2,529.69; office equipment and automobile for Sheriff, \$1,510.53, making total general fund expenditures of \$65,569.74.

Total expenditures by the county on interest and sinking funds in which the State participates were \$82,956.26. State expenditures on bond and interest accounts originated in this county were \$55,105.39.

The Red River bridge bond and interest account was paid in full. The account resulted from the warrant issue of March 2, 1926, in connection with the construction of the bridge between Oklahoma and Davidson, Okla. Payments in settling this account were \$801.43 by the county and \$1,170 by the State.

The report in connection with the county's bonded debt showed bonds outstanding amounting to \$1,328,500, the original amount being \$2,068,500, a principal amount of \$83,158.44 warrants now outstanding totaling \$4,761.

SCOUTS HEAR CAL C. WRIGHT
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET IS HELD AT LEGION HALL IN VERNON

"Why We Need a Scout Troop" was the subject of the principal address delivered by Dr. Cal C. Wright, presiding elder of Methodist churches of the Vernon district, at the twenty-seventh anniversary banquet of Boy Scouts and those interested in Scouting at the American Legion Hall last night. The banquet was sponsored by the Eagle Scout Mothers' Club.

Eagle Scout Clifford Fletcher was toastmaster and Eagle Scout, Hub Colley, Jr., and Kendrick Wright also took part on the program, giving the welcome and a "History of Scouting," respectively. The invocation was given by E. A. Vernon and a sing-song was led by C. P. Price, Mrs. E. A. Vernon was the accompanist.

The response to the welcome was given by Mrs. J. J. Cockerell and Mrs. J. N. Wright announced a silver loving cup would be presented by the Eagle Scout Mothers to the Boy Scout Troop making the most points at three successive Courts of Honor.

The program closed with the Scout oath.

Eagle Scout mothers are Mrs. J. N. Wright, Mrs. A. F. Hill, Mrs. Ray Austin, Mrs. Adam Douglas, Mrs. F. B. Elliott, Mrs. J. D. Brewer, Mrs. J. H. Rudy, Miss Lois Blackwell, Mrs. Jesse Owens, Mrs. C. Blannett, Mrs. Jessie Owens, Mrs. Harry Fletcher, Mrs. H. P. Gaines and Mrs. Hub Colley.

Eagle Scouts are Bill Wright, Kendrick Wright, A. F. Hill, Ray Austin, Adam Douglas, Jr., Ben Elliott, Jr., Harold Brewer, Jack Rudy, Jr., John Earl Blackwell, Lewis Owens, L. Z. Blannett, E. L. Douglas, Clifford Fletcher, Harry Fletcher, Jr., Harley Gaines and Hub Colley, Jr.

More than 150 Scouts were present at the banquet, including a troop with the scoutmaster from Thalia.

The anniversary week program will be continued Wednesday with a Board of Review meeting at 7 p. m. at the Fannin School. A jam-boree will be held Thursday night at the Fannin school gymnasium with Olin Cole, Ray Austin and Wilson Hollins in charge. Friday night a Court of Honor will be held at the Central Christian Church and the week's celebration will be closed with a field day Saturday at the City Park here.

Rural School Aid Urged.
Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—Representative Herman Jones, of Deatur, introduced a bill today to appropriate \$7,500,000 annually for rural school aid, vocational education and treatment of crippled children during the next biennium. The present appropriation for those purposes is \$5,000,000 annually.

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FASCISTS IN MALAGA HOLD CELEBRATION

Colorful Spectacle Follows Fall of Last Socialist Seaport With Red Troops Joining Fete To Escape Capture—Madrid Road Closed.

Malaga, Feb. 9. (P)—Laughing Malaga girls and victorious Fascist soldiers danced in gay abandon today through the sacked and burned districts of this Mediterranean city while armed "clean-up" squads of military police brought order after three weeks of terror.

The city's 400,000 inhabitants quickly recovered from their weeks of tension during the insurgent army's victorious advance and the ravages of anarchist bands which the Fascist officers said left the city "in a horrible state."

Insurgent officers announced today thousands of men in the armed defense forces had surrendered. Six hundred Socialist militiamen were taken prisoner by a single Fascist column. One entire company of civil guards handed over their arms. They were sent behind the lines.

The entry of the insurgent columns Monday seemed the signal for a joyous fete day.

Malaga's population staged huge demonstrations in the streets to greet the army which occupied the last important Government seaport on the Southern Coast virtually without resistance from its Socialist defenders.

Even the vanquished Socialists joined in the celebration, seeking to merge their identity with the celebrating populace to avoid capture.

FIXTURES PLACED FOR NEW STORE IN VERNON
Work of the past two weeks in placing fixtures in the White Auto Store is nearing completion and merchandise will be stocked in the store this week. The formal opening of the new establishment in the Pierce building at the corner of Main and Texas streets will be announced soon, according to M. C. Hughes, manager.

Mr. Hughes, George Adams of Altus, Okla., and Floyd Anderson of Clinton, Okla., are here this week to prepare the store for the opening. All are members of White Auto Store staffs. Mr. Anderson will be assistant manager here. Herman Edwards of Hobart, Okla., will also be with the Vernon store.

At present there are nine White stores serving cities in Northwest Texas and Southwest Oklahoma. Merchandise carried by the company includes auto supplies, sporting goods, small electrical appliances, radios, stoves, and washing machines.

J. R. WRIGHT NAMED HEAD OF PRESBYTERIAN MEN
J. R. Wright was elected president of Men of the Presbyterian Church at the regular monthly dinner of the organization Monday night at the Federated Presbyterian Church. Other officers elected for 1937 are: H. B. Alexander, vice president; C. P. McDonald, secretary, and L. J. Sullivan, treasurer. M. C. Culbertson is the retiring president.

A talk by J. E. Collins featured the program which was in charge of L. B. Greene. The dinner was prepared and served by Clyde A. Miller, chief cook; H. B. Alexander, M. C. Culbertson and Gilbert Weeth.

VERNON MEN GO TO RITES FOR MRS. MORRISON IN OKLAHOMA
Bill, J. D. and Guy Morrison of Vernon attended funeral services Monday afternoon at the Elmer, Okla., Methodist Church for Mrs. Jennie Morrison, their step-mother, who died Sunday of a heart attack.

Surviving are a son, Ted Brown of Dill City, Okla., a brother, Al Lovett of Anadarko, N. M., and 11 step-sons and step-daughters: T. A. and Jack Morrison of Graham; Bill, J. D. and Guy of Vernon; Ed Morrison of California; Roy Morrison of Pecos; Mrs. Pearl Mounce of Elmer, Okla.; Mrs. Dottie Egar of Altus, Okla., and Mrs. Anna Rhodes of Malvern, Ark.

SENATE CENSURES PRESIDENT ON COURT REFORM PROGRAM
Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—The Texas Senate today censured President Roosevelt's proposed judiciary reforms and urged Texas members of the Congress to "lend their influence and cast their votes against passage of such proposed legislation."

Previously, the House of Representatives had voted more than three to one to kill a resolution which would have commended the President for his proposal that the membership of the United States Supreme Court be increased if judges past the age of 70 do not retire.

Senator Weaver Moore's resolution, offered as a substitute for a more sharply worded one submitted by Senator F. J. Holbrook of Galveston, was passed, 21 to 3 with one pair.

PROPOSAL OF COURT REFORM ATTACKED IN MAINE SENATE
Augusta, Me., Feb. 9. (P)—The Maine Senate today passed a memorial to Congress which said it regarded President Roosevelt's proposed court reform legislation as a "covert attack" upon the Federal constitution.

HOUSE MEMBERS HEAR MISSISSIPPI OFFICIAL
Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—Lieutenant Governor J. B. Snider of Mississippi emphasized the opportunities for industrial development of the South in a brief address Monday to the Texas House of Representatives.

Governor Emphasizes State Debt Payments

Austin, Feb. 9. (P)—Governor James V. Allred urged the Legislature in a special message today to raise money to pay the State's present debts before voting salary increases or incurring any other obligations.

He said flatly he would not approve salary increases or departmental enlargements of any nature unless the Legislature provided the money for them.

The Governor submitted the subject of revenue and taxation as emergency legislation in order to remove any question as to whether the Legislature could go to work at once on his recommendations.

COMPROMISE ON COURT REFORM URGED

Washington, Feb. 9. (P)—Scores of compromise proposals for Federal court reorganization bobbed up today in discussion among congressmen, delayed with telegrams from the "folks back home" on the President's sweeping recommendations.

Constitutional amendments to curb the Supreme Court's power to declare laws unconstitutional or to limit justices' terms were prominent in these suggestions.

Most of them came from Democrats who considered too stringent Mr. Roosevelt's proposal to add six Supreme Court justices unless members over 70 retire.

Senators and representatives said most of their mail and telegrams opposed this recommendation. Little opposition was expressed, however, among Republicans, to the President's suggestions for speeding up lower court procedure.

Mr. Roosevelt's program came up today at a closed meeting of the House judiciary committee, composed of 21 lawyers. Fourteen members declined to commit themselves in advance.

Chairman Sumners, Democrat, Texas, said the committee would give the full program "our most serious study."

The six Republicans on the committee were ready, said Representative Guyver of Kansas, ranking minority member, to fight the program as an attempt of the Chief Executive to "stack" the Supreme Court.

DEATH TAKES ELMER WOMAN

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SECOND NAZI SALUTE GIVEN

BRITISH RULER RECEIVES DIPLOMATS IN FIRST PUBLIC CEREMONY

London, Feb. 9. (AP)—German Ambassador Joachim Von Ribbentrop raised his hand in Nazi salute to King George VI again today at the new monarch's first levee.

Ignoring the salute last week over his first such salute, he stretched his arm straight out when he presented 15 members of his staff in the beautiful throne room of St. James's Palace. His subordinates did not follow his example.

The salute passed almost unnoticed.

The other ambassadors bowed according to custom, as did the Ministers and Charges D'Affaires, diplomats of lower rank, who followed the German envoy.

Later, authorities said the British Government did not take a serious view of Von Ribbentrop's penchant for saluting in the Nazi manner at formal occasions, holding precedent has established an envoy may adhere to the customs of the country he represents.

His Majesty, wearing the uniform of colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards, stood in front of the golden throne with its hangings of deep crimson embroidered with the royal arms, bowing gravely as hundreds of presentations were made.

It was a striking spectacle, although it could not compare in splendor with the royal courts at Buckingham Palace when ladies are presented.

SAM BAUGH REMAINS IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS

Fort Worth, Feb. 9. (AP)—Slinger Sam Baugh, Texas Christian's noted footballer, failed to arrive today on an air liner from Washington D. C., where he has been conferring with the Washington professional football team over possibilities of tossing his noted forward passes for money.

Friends here believed Baugh, besieged by coaching and professional offers, had delayed his departure from the Capital and would arrive tonight.

Meanwhile, officials of Hobbs, N. M., high were here awaiting Sam's return. George White, Hobbs superintendent, and Sam Horne, member of the school board, will offer the Slinger a three-year contract at \$3,000 a year. Baugh had planned to talk with them today.

SECRET SERVICE FRUSTRATES HUGE COUNTERFEIT PLOT

New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Frustration of a nationwide counterfeiting plot through the arrest of three Brooklyn men and recovery of \$50,000 in spurious banknotes was revealed Monday by the United States Secret Service Bureau.

After three months of investigation, the ring was broken up, in the form of \$10 Federal Reserve notes, was circulated, the Bureau announced.

VERNON
Midnight Show Saturday
And
Sunday--Monday--Tuesday

Jack DENNY
George BURNS
Gracie ALLEN
Way BOLAN
Martha RAYE
PARAMOUNT'S
COLLEGE HOLIDAY
Martha RAYE
Jenny HUNT
Johnny DOWN

Everybody Attending the Matinee of "College Holiday" Will Be Served Jello Free.

VERNON
Now Showing--Last Day

GARY COOPER
JEAN ARTHUR
in
Cecil B. DeMille's
"The Plainsman"

WEDNESDAY ONLY
This is a Paramount Silver Jubilee Release

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Now Showing

THE WILDEST
HONEYMOON
THE WILD
WAVES HAVE
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"Hideaway Girl"
MARSHA ROSS
SHIRLEY ROSS
ROBT. CUMMINGS
MONROE OWSELEY
A Paramount Picture

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LOVE HER
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TOP TRAILER
AND CHILLER

BENGAL TIGER
Walter Catlett
JACK HALL
JOHN TRAVIS
A Paramount Picture

EXTRA
COMEDY
CARTOON

Wednesday -- Thursday
EDMUND LOWE
SEVEN SINNERS
Constance CUMMINGS

CONFERENCE ON HUNTING ON RED RIVER STARTED

Dallas, Feb. 9. (AP)—Legislative committees from Texas and Oklahoma met here today to seek an agreement on fishing, hunting, boating and recreational rights of the Red River—boundary line between the states.

Deprived of recreational rights in the river by a court suit decided in 1922, Texas sent its delegation here to seek an amiable settlement with Oklahoma, whereby development of the river territory could be achieved by mutual agreement.

Representative A. S. Broadfoot of Fannin County, author of the resolution passed by the Texas House of Representatives, said a treaty signed by Spain and the United States in 1818 designated the Red River as the State boundary line. Subsequent Supreme Court decision on oil litigation established the southern shore of the river as the actual boundary line, placing the river, itself, in Oklahoma territory.

Broadfoot said Texas citizens had complained Oklahoma game wardens arrested them for hunting and fishing violations along the river and had incarcerated them in Oklahoma jails.

"These persons usually had very little money with them and it was quite difficult for them to reach Texas friends and obtain bonds," Broadfoot said. "During my several terms as County Attorney of Fannin County there were threats of bloodshed over the matter. We hope to reach an agreement whereby the rights of Texans to fish and hunt along the river will be guaranteed."

MISSING BARBER FOUND SLAIN IN MEXICAN TOWN

Laredo, Feb. 9. (AP)—Mexican officials found the body of J. B. Elliott, 35, Bruni barber, on the floor of a vacant house in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Monday night, with marks of strangulation at the throat.

Police said Elliott had been dead about three days.

American authorities traced Elliott's movements and found he came here after selling his shop at Bruni and planned to establish a shop in this city.

They said he had a cashier's check for \$500 and left \$270 with a motor company. He called at the company Friday and drew \$470 which he said he needed.

Police said he left here Friday night for Nuevo Laredo and was not seen again. They ordered an autopsy to determine cause of death.

SPEAKER BANKHEAD SEES DAUGHTER IN NEW PLAY

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—Speaker Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, wiped tears from his eyes last night at the curtain speech of his actress daughter, Tallulah.

The New York and London stage star spoke after the seventh curtain call, accorded her performance in "Reflected Glory," presented here after a Broadway run.

"I imagine you all understand," she gestured to her father's box—"that I've been terribly nervous."

She tossed a kiss to her "daddy" and disappeared. The Speaker of the House removed his spectacles and brushed away a tear.

Chinese Bandits Active.

Harbin, Manchoukuo, Feb. 9. (AP)—Domel (Japanese News Agency) sources reported today that 60 persons, including a number of Japanese, had been kidnapped by bandits who attacked Tungyuan, on the Sungari River. (Tungyuan is in Eastern Manchoukuo, less than 100 miles south of the Soviet-Siberian border.)

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FIGHT MARKS STRIKE TOUR

SIT-DOWN WORKERS OUST INSPECTORS SENT INTO CLOSED PLANT

Detroit, Feb. 9. (AP)—Sit-down strikers occupying the Kelvintor Corporation factory here ejected 35 men sent into the plant "fire insurance inspectors" and then welded shut the door of the administration building to prevent executives and office employees from entering today.

Fighting broke out for the first time in the week-old controversy when the union men forcibly took the "inspectors" from the plant. William Cooper, chairman of the plant strike committee of the Merchants Educational Society of America, said the strikers seized an assortment of badges which belonged to retired police officers and deputy sheriffs and found four pistols in cars parked near the factory.

Cooper said the management asked permission Monday to send fire inspectors into the plant. He said 10 were first sent and later this number was increased to 65, divided into eight hour shifts. The fighting began, he said, after the weapons were found in the cars.

Cooper charged the inspectors "were really private detectives."

OKLAHOMA LEGISLATOR GETS U. S. COURT SENTENCE

Oklahoma City, Feb. 9. (AP)—A State Representative, D. L. Kelly, Anadarko, president of the Triangle Producing and Refining Company here, was under probation on a sentence in Federal District Court today after he pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to evade Federal gasoline taxes.

With Ed C. Check, vice president of the company, he received a sentence of 18 months imprisonment and \$1,000 fine but both received probation on condition \$826.13 taxes were paid.

TEXAS WOMAN, 101, DIES AT CONFEDERATE HOME

Austin, Feb. 9. (AP)—Mrs. Vesta A. Sutton, born one year before Texas won its independence, died Monday at the Confederate Veterans' Home.

Until six months ago when she began showing marked signs of weakness she was remarkably active. Home officials said. Last May her one hundred and first birthday was celebrated with special ceremonies.

Funeral arrangements were held in abeyance pending recovery from illness of Mrs. Ann Sutton Hubby of Waco, a daughter.

ONE KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH IN NEW MEXICO

Chicago, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Chicago office of the Rock Island railroad said today its new "California" passenger train had crashed into a freight train near Logan, N. M., killing a fireman and injuring three other trainmen. None of the 85 passengers was reported injured, the road said.

The accident occurred about 12:30 a. m. The passenger train, west bound from Chicago to Los Angeles, sideswiped the head end of an 85-car freight train which was pulling into a siding at Logan to allow the passenger train to pass, the railroad said it was informed.

MOTHER FACES CHARGE IN KIDNAPING OF DAUGHTER

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 9. (AP)—Governor Bailey issued a requisition Monday for the return of Mrs. Mildred M. Adams from Hutchinson County, Texas, to Saline County, Arkansas, to face a charge of kidnapping her eight-year-old daughter, Ada Joe Adams.

The charge was lodged by her husband, Cecil R. Adams, who claimed he had been awarded custody of the child by Saline County courts and that the mother took the little girl out of the Benton school Jan. 14, and left the State.

HOUSE PASSES COMPROMISE TO REPEAL "RED RIDER"

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate Monday a compromise on a bill to repeal a "red rider" prohibiting Washington school teachers from teaching or advocating Communism.

The compromise, put through by Representative McCormack, Democrat, Massachusetts, would allow teachers to instruct pupils factually about Communism but would forbid their advocating it.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN SUCCUMBS AT PLAINVIEW

Plainview, Feb. 8. (AP)—J. A. Smith, 90, Confederate veteran who served with the Sixth Mississippi Regiment, died here Sunday night.

Smith and his wife reared nine orphan children in addition to five sons and one daughter of their own.

The most famous fish chowder is the bouillabaisse of Marseilles.

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DOUBLE SHOOTING LEAVES FIVE CHILDREN ORPHANS

Sanger, Feb. 9. (AP)—A double shooting Monday night made orphans of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cazell, divorced couple.

Mrs. Cazell, 30, was killed instantly. Her husband, five years her senior, died a few minutes after the shooting. They had been divorced a year.

Justice W. H. Lain returned a coroner's verdict of murder and suicide. Sheriff Dallas Cutsinger and County Attorney Gerald Stockard said other occupants of the house where Mrs. Cazell roomed told them the husband had periodically urged her to remarry him.

They said Cazell had been staying near Gainesville and Mrs. Cazell had been working in a WPA sewing room. The shooting occurred in Mrs. Cazell's room.

FORMER VERNON RESIDENT TAKES FACULTY POSITION

Miss Margaret Rouse, former Vernon resident, has been made an instructor of education at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, according to word received here by an uncle, J. O. Rouse. Miss Rouse assumed her new duties at the beginning of the second semester. For the past several years she has been a teacher at "Buckeye Orphan's Home" in Dallas. Miss Rouse is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Rouse of Denton. Dr. Rouse was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

FORMER RICE COACH TO HANDLE WISCONSIN TEAM

Blytheville, Ark., Feb. 9. (AP)—"Dickey" Kerr is returning to organized baseball after an absence of almost a decade.

The one-time star southpaw for Chicago's White Sox announced today he had signed a one-year contract as manager-in-charge of the Wausau, Wis., Lumberjacks of the Class D Northern League.

Kerr has been out of baseball since 1928 when he coached the Rice Institute Owls of Houston.

SOVIET FLYER TAKES OFF ON WINTER ARCTIC TOUR

Moscow, Feb. 9. (AP)—Chief Pilot F. B. Fahrir, Russia's most experienced Arctic flyer, took off today on a projected 12,500-mile flight to explore the trans-polar route between Moscow and Alaska.

With a crew of five and three passengers, he lifted the huge Soviet plane, U. S. S. R. -N129, from the Central Airport to start the first complete circuit of the Far North ever undertaken in winter.

ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS IN POLAND ARE RENEWED

Wilno, Poland, Feb. 9. (AP)—Twenty Jewish students were injured today in a new outbreak of anti-Semitic rioting at the University of Wilno. The University only recently was reopened on condition non-Jewish students would cease attacks. Trouble developed when non-Jewish students tried to bar others from a building on the campus.

FASCISTS TAKE HIGHWAY FROM MADRID TO COAST

With Fascists, Outside Madrid, Feb. 9. (AP)—Spanish insurgents captured the vital highway to the coast today, cutting off the Capital's defenders from both their Government and sources of supplies at Valencia. The fascists occupied the strategic line of communication, about ten miles southeast of the city, after a bloody three day battle waged in intermittent rain and snow.

(An earlier, heavily censored dispatch from Madrid reported the Socialist militiamen had repelled a second insurgent attempt to capture the highway.)

The many dead indicated the intensity of the three day battle for the important route to the sea on which Madrid has depended for food. Insurgent commanders reported they counted 800 bodies left by the Socialists on the Ciempozuelos front on the southern edge of the sector.

The successful operation, the capture of Madrid on the South Coast, was considered of greater importance.

The severing of the communication line was confidently expected by the Fascist commanders to make the plight of Madrid's defenders even more desperate by starvation.

YOUTH TO FACE TRIAL AT WICHITA IN THREE CASES

Borger, Texas, Feb. 8. (AP)—Sheriff Pat Allen and Deputy O. A. Robinson, took custody Monday at Stintend of Billie Athel Buckalow, indicted at Wichita Falls for robbery, assault and attempt to murder.

The officers said Buckalow would be tried at Wichita Falls during the court term opening Tuesday, while Sheriff Dan Hardee and Constable Lee Hutton brought the youth from Longview to face two charges of robbery. Buckalow waived preliminary hearing and bonds were set at \$2,000 on each count.

The complaints allege he held up persons in parked cars.

MRS. BEATRICE YOUNG DIES AT HOME IN WICHITA FALLS

Wichita Falls, Feb. 9. (AP)—Mrs. Beatrice W. Young, wife of John T. Young, former mayor of Wichita Falls, died at her home here of pneumonia. She had been ill 10 days.

Survivors include the husband; a son, Borden Morris; of Wichita Falls; a sister, Mrs. N. L. Taylor of Dallas; a niece, Mrs. James J. Perkins of Houston, and a brother, E. S. Dickinson, of Marysville, Calif.

Bank of Japan Names Governor.

Toyko, Feb. 9. (AP)—Seihan Ikeda, Harvard graduate, former managing director of the holding company for the vast Mitsui interests and one-time newspaper reported, today accepted the governorship of the Bank of Japan.

Daily Markets

VERNON MARKETS

COTTON

Middling, %	12.00
Middling, 1/16	10.00
COTTON PRODUCTS	
Cottonseed, per ton	\$33
GRAIN	
Oats	.50
Barley	.50
Wheat	\$1.26
PRODUCE	
Eggs, dozen	.17
Fryers, per pound	.18
Medium hens, per pound	.12
Light hens, per pound	.09
Roosters, per pound	.05
Turkeys, per pound	.10
DAIRY PRODUCTS	
Sour Cream	.30

COTTON

New York.

New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Cotton futures opened steady, unchanged to 3 higher with lower Liverpool cables offset by trade and foreign buying. March 12.66; May 12.33; July 12.36; October 11.90; December 11.86; January 11.85.

Proposals of the Secretary of Agriculture for a more stringent farm program made at yesterday's conference of farm leaders at Washington brought in a little more support for the new crop positions. However, fairly active liquidation developed at the initial levels and renewed selling of March appeared, causing it to turn easier after the call.

Reports from southern spot markets of a little response to the offerings of cotton loan stocks at the high differentials asked created some apprehension that the differentials might be changed, although no official information was available.

May eased from 12.53 to 12.51 and prices generally late in the first hour were 4 points net lower to 1 higher.

Liverpool.

Liverpool, Feb. 9. (AP)—Cotton 10,000 bales, including 300 American. Spot, moderate business done; prices five points lower; quotations in pence: American, strict good middling 8.02; good middling 7.72; strict middling 7.42; middling 7.25; strict low middling 6.97; low middling 6.50; strict good ordinary 6.20; good ordinary 5.90. Futures closed quiet and steady. March 6.98; May 6.97; July 6.92; October 6.57; December 6.51; January 6.50.

POTATOES

Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 9. (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Potatoes, 50; on track 253; total U. S. shipment 460; old stock, Idaho Russets firm, other stock steady, supplies moderate, early trading slow account cold weather; Idaho Russet Burbanks U. S. No. 1 medium to large 3.40-50; receivers holding best stock for higher prices; heavy to small 3.30; or 15 lb. sacks 3.50 cwt.; U. S. No. 2 3.05-10; practically free from cuts and clipped ends 3.30; Colorado Red McClure U. S. No. 1 cotton sacks 3.35.

PRODUCE

Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 9. (AP)—Poultry, live, 43 trucks, steady; hens over 5 lbs. 17, 5 lbs. and less 18; Leghorn hens 12 1/2; springs, Plymouth and White Rock 20; broilers, White Rock 22 1/2; Plymouth Rock 25 1/2; bareback broilers 16; Leghorn chickens, 13; roasters 13; Leghorn roosters 12; turkeys 13; ducks 4 1/2; lbs up, white, 18, small white 16; geese 14.

Butter 8.02, steady; creamery specials (33 score) 33 1/2-34 1/2; extras (92) 33 1/2; extra firsts (90-91) 33; firsts (88-89) 31 1/2-32 1/2; standards (90 centralized carlots) 33 1/2.

Eggs, 7.00, steady; extra firsts local 21 1/2; cars 22 1/2; fresh graded firsts local 21 1/2; cars 22 1/2; current receipts 21 1/2.

MALLEN BOY IS RESCUED FROM DEATH IN QUICKSAND

McAllen, Feb. 9. (AP)—How 14-year-old Billy Whitsett narrowly escaped death in quicksand in the Rio Grande was told here.

The McAllen lad with two companions went hiking Saturday. Billy stepped too near the edge of the bank, which crumbled and tumbled him 20 feet into two feet of water.

His companions failed to free him from the sand; they called for help. A group of men was unsuccessful in lifting him out with ropes.

Seven hours later, Billy was freed after a ramp was built and the sand shoveled from around him.

NEPHEW OF COLONEL HOUSE DIES IN FREAK ACCIDENT

GRANDSON OF COLONEL HOUSE DIES IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Houston, Feb. 9. (AP)—A freak accident Monday took the life of Robert Milam Caldwell, 41, nephew of Col. E. M. House and prominent Brazoria County rancher.

Caldwell bled to death at his ranch home near Juliff. His jugular vein was severed by a flying pair of sheep shears.

GRANDSON OF COLONEL HOUSE DIES IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 9. (AP)—Funeral services for B. A. McKinney, Jr., son of the president of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, were held this afternoon in the East Dallas Christian Church. He died Sunday of pneumonia.

Changes in Address.

Changes in address during the past week were reported as follows at the City Water Department: Mrs. Joe Lovelace, 2725 Antelope to 2108 Bismark; Elmo Edwards, 2220 Lamar to 2111 London; Mrs. O. L. White, 2106 Pearl to 2006 Pearl; A. E. Sherrard, 2006 Pearl to 2130 Gordon; L. L. Gauntt, 2504 Maiden to 2715 Wood.

Moving In.

New addresses as listed at the City Water Department during the past week are as follows: L. A. Barnes, 2115 Mequite; J. T. Carrington, 1923 Cumberland; Jack Williamson, 2226 Mesquite.

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County Basketball Tourney Opens Thursday in Vernon

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VOLLEY BALL SQUADS MEET
ON HIGH SCHOOL COURT
IN WILBARGER EVENT

Wilbarger County basketball and volleyball teams are going through intensive workouts this week in preparation for the tournaments beginning Thursday in the Vernon High School gymnasium. To decide the championship of the County Inter-scholastic league, winners of the tournament will be eligible to enter the district tournament at Wichita Falls Feb. 19 and 20. The first basketball game will be Thursday at 8 p. m. between Five-in-One and Oklahoma. Game No. 1 in the volleyball tournament will be at 4 p. m. Thursday between South Lockett and West Vernon.

The towering Longhorns of South Lockett, defeated only by the Carey Cardinals this season in high school competition, regard the County trophy as already won and are looking ahead to State competition.

Between the Longhorns and the title, however, are strong Odell and Five-in-One teams and a fast improving quintet of West Vernon Eagles. Oklahoma and Harrold, handicapped this season by inexperience, are looking to next year's competition when they will place veteran lineups on the courts.

Admission will be 15 and 25 cents at each session. At a meeting of coaches it was decided to limit the basketball squads to 12 players and the coach.

The first round of the basketball tournament will be played Thursday as follows:

Game 1—Five-in-One vs. Oklahoma at 8 p. m.

Game 2—West Vernon vs. Odell, 7 p. m.

Game 3—South Lockett vs. Harrold, 9 p. m.

The Northside eagles drew a bye in the first round and will meet the winner of the West Vernon-Odell game at 7 p. m. Friday.

The volleyball teams will also complete the first round of their tournament Thursday, the schedule being as follows:

Game 1—South Lockett vs. West Vernon, 4 p. m.

Game 2—Odell vs. Harrold, 6 p. m.

Game 3—Oklahoma vs. Five-in-One, 8 p. m.

The Northside girls also drew a bye in the first round and will meet the winner of the Odell-Harrold game at 6 p. m. Friday.

Other games Friday will find the winners of games one and three meeting at 9 p. m. in the basketball tournament and at 8 p. m. in the volleyball tournament.

The trials will be played Saturday with basketball at 8 and volleyball at 7 o'clock.

MUSTANGS BEAT AGGIES TO HOLD LEAD IN LOOP

Dallas, Feb. 9. (AP)—Southwest Methodist's Mustangs, Southwest Conference basketball leaders, beat off a desperate last-half rally by the second-place Texas Aggies Monday night to take a wild 25 to 23 game before 8,000 fans.

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Central Texans Favor New Football Division

Cleburne, Feb. 9. (AP)—Central Texas sports writers, meeting here last night, favored creation of a new division of inter-scholastic league football to include the larger cities.

They adopted a resolution advocating a division for schools of 1,000 enrollment or more to be known as double A, with all schools 500 or more and less than 1,000 in Class A and schools with less than 500 in Class B.

SPRING WORK IN FOOTBALL TO BEGIN FEB. 22

The Vernon Lions will begin Spring football practice Feb. 22 when equipment will be issued to approximately 40 candidates, according to Head Coach W. C. "Heinie" Weir.

The Spring training session will continue indefinitely, Mr. Weir said, depending on weather conditions. Tandy Belew, 1937 captain and guard on the 1936 squad will head the returning lettermen. Other 1936 lettermen who will report for Spring training, with the positions at which they lettered, are: Forrest Cayce, Dean Irons, Harold Wilkinson and Bill Wright, guards; Buster Bowling and Richard Hudson, tackles; A. D. Shores, Mark Belew and Richard Nixon, ends; Charlie Smith and Dan Nowlin, backs.

Tentative plans, according to Coach Weir, call for a realignment of many positions with Bowling, Hudson and Nowlin slated to receive try-outs at center; Wright and Cayce to be tried in backfield positions; and Dean Irons to shift to a tackle position.

Lyman Ripberger, 1936 squadman, is slated to go through intensive workouts at end during the Spring session and Bud Wright, varsity back at Colorado High School during the early part of the 1936 season, will be tried in the line backfield. Wright will become eligible for District A-A competition next Nov. 14.

A much improved Lion squad is predicted for the 1937 season, chiefly because of the much larger number of lettermen returning than did for the 1936 season, and because of the greater reserve strength now in prospect.

Chief worry for Coach Weir and assistants Burnett Cox, Wilson Boring and Will Gilmore is the replacing of Chancy Lockard and "Jiggs" Childress behind the Vernon line on defense. Other lettermen whose places must be filled are L. M. Key, and Olin Mason, tackles; Marvin Chensault, end; Perry Morris, Oscar Johnson, Dan Yeakum and Wilbur Reaton, backs.

The first part of the Spring session will be devoted to work on fundamentals. Later the squad will be divided into two teams for one or more intrasquad games. As has been the custom in the past the practice period will close with a game between ex-Lions and Lions of the 1937 squad.

St. Edward's Loses. Abilene, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Abilene Christian College Wildcats defeated St. Edward's Tigers 39 to 21 in a Texas Conference basketball game last night.

CAGE TOURNEY OPENS FRIDAY

HARDEMAN COUNTY EVENT
ATTRACTS SIX TEAMS
TO CHILLICOTHE

Chillicothe, Feb. 9.—Six teams will compete for the basketball championship of Hardeaman County in the Inter-scholastic League tournament Friday and Saturday in Chillicothe's new gymnasium.

First round pairings have been announced as follows: Quannah vs. Chillicothe; Medicine Mound vs. King Williams vs. Goodlett. The three games will be played Friday night.

The winner of the Quannah-Chillicothe and the Williams-Goodlett games will meet Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the victor in that contest will play the Medicine Mound-King winner Saturday night for the right to represent Hardeaman County in the district tournament at Chillicothe into this month.

Tournament arrangements here are in charge of Superintendent W. E. Hancock and Coach J. T. Muse. The event will be the first county basketball tournament ever held in Chillicothe.

EDDIE COLLINS FAVORS CHANCES OF RED SOX

New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Eddie Collins, relying completely on the complete unreliability of baseball figures tradition will be on the side of his Boston Red Sox this season. "No favorite has won the American League pennant since we repeated in 1911," began Eddie, explaining the "we" meant the Philadelphia Athletics.

The point Eddie makes is he doesn't expect the Sox to be favored this year, and he'll tell you without much encouragement that this is okay with him.

Texas Signs With Dodgers. New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Two players who may have to hear a lot of the burden of Brooklyn's hopes for a better season this year, Second Baseman Harry (Cookie) Lavagotto of Oakland, Cal., and Thomas Calvin Baker of Grand Prairie, Texas, have forwarded their signed contracts to the Dodgers office, it was announced today.

Baker, a tall, strong, young right-hand pitcher, had a great season with Brooklyn's Allentown, Pa., farm in 1935 and is figured to be ready for a starting role in another year or two.

Lewis Defeats Ettore.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9. (AP)—Hard rights which felled Al Ettore, Philadelphia, for the count of nine twice in the third round won a decision for John Henry Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz., in a 15-round non-title bout Monday night. Lewis, light heavyweight champion, weighed 181, Ettore, 192½. It was a return bout. The Pennsylvania Athletic Commission ordered their first fight a draw after Ettore had been credited with a decision.

Baer Bout Plans Fade.

San Francisco, Feb. 9. (AP)—Prospects of a Max Baer-Andre Lenglet bout here were dimmed today by reports Baer and his manager, Aniel Hoffman, are looking the other way. Tony Palazola, promoter who offered Baer \$20,000 for a Feb. 22, 10-round match with the French heavyweight, said Hoffman declined to accept outright.

Davey Day Meets Lou Ambers.

New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Davey Day of Chicago, who was being groomed as a lightweight title prospect when Barney Ross vacated that title, gets a chance to move back into a contending position Wednesday night against champion Lou Ambers in a ten round non-title bout at the Hippodrome.

Another Mattson Suspect.

Houston, Feb. 9. (AP)—City Detectives Fred Rexer and Bill Slack arrested a 40-year-old seaman Monday and held him for questioning in connection with the kidnapping and slaying of 10-year-old Charles Mattson in Tacoma. The man, detectives said, fits the description of the kidnaper.

Colorado River Recedes.

Parker Dam, Calif., Feb. 8. (AP)—The Colorado River, swollen for a few hours to eight times normal size, receded Monday, decreasing the menace to the \$2,000,000 investment in Parker Dam.

Wesleyan Rams Win.

Sherman, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Texas Wesleyan Rams defeated the Austin College Kangaroos 33 to 22 last night in a basketball game which saw the score tied four times.

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GYMNASIUM

Two of the strongest basketball teams of Northwest Texas, the South Lockett Longhorns and Loving High School, will meet tonight in a game on the South Lockett court.

The Loving lads won the championship of Young County last week, defeating Olney 25 to 11 in the final game.

The Longhorns have lost to only one high school team, the Carey Cardinals, this season. The Cardinals are among the favorites to enter the state finals.

BRADDOCK AND LOUIS DUE TO SIGN FOR BOIT SATURDAY

Chicago, Feb. 9. (AP)—Reports were current today that Champion James J. Braddock and Challenger Joe Louis would get together next Saturday to sign articles for a 15-round bout June 15 at Soldier Field. But a skeptical hotel chef who had one lavishly planned luncheon fizzle out on him swears he's going to wait until he sees Braddock and Louis in person before he'll prepare another.

Lumberjacks Take Lead

Nacogdoches, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks paced the Lone Star Conference basketball race today as a result of a 41 to 25 triumph over the North Texas Teachers last night.

HORNETS BEAT OKLAUNION BY 18-15 SCORE

The Harrold High School Hornets defeated the Oklahoma High Cardinals 18 to 15 in a basketball game at Harrold last night. The Hornets took a one-point lead at the end of the first quarter, the score standing then at 5 to 4, and increased it throughout the game.

The box score:

Harrold	FG	FT	TP
Nielson	0	1	1
Rogers	1	2	3
C. Huff	3	5	11
Turpin	0	0	0
Patterson	0	0	0
Chester	1	0	2
Totals	5	8	18

Oklahoma	FG	FT	TP
Ragland	0	2	2
Ramsey	0	0	0
Mann	4	1	9
Rogers	0	1	1
Howell	1	0	2
Bryant	0	1	1
Huntman	0	0	0
Huff	0	0	0
Totals	5	5	15

Referee: Burnett Cox, Vernon.

Nelson Eddy frequently makes home records in which he sings different choral parts and puts them together for a "one-man chorus."

SPORT SPARKS

Dallas, Feb. 9. (AP)—Basketball as it is played in the rugged rural sections: Friday night Cannon stopped Rose Hill, four to three. . . . Next night Rose Hill lightened up, held Cannon to a three to two score. . . . Both teams file joint nomination for best defensive show of the year. . . . They're located in the Van Alstyne sector.

Said D. X. Bible after the executive committee of the Ex-Students Association of the University of Texas endorsed his plan to provide employment for athletes: "We want a team of college boys—not professional athletes." His plan provides that all worthy athletes shall be given employment on useful projects, according to the need of each, up to a maximum of \$50 monthly. . . . Each employee shall be paid 50 cents an hour, and shall work a full 60 minutes. . . . "This plan is fair to all," added Coach Bible. "There will be no discrimination, with a guard on one side of the line working for his money, a tackle on the other side getting his money without working for it."

After all his plane trips have been made, Sammy Bush will settle down and accept the freshman coaching job at Texas Christian, wise ones predict. . . . First blow to Coach Bible was the loss of Glen Jackson, great sophomore center prospect. . . . The six foot, four inch, 200-pounder was being counted on to bolster the center of Texas' line. . . . "I'm said he withdrew to accept a lucrative business offer."

Baseball rookies from the Nation over will storm into Stuart Stadium at Beaumont March 1 for the start of the annual Beaumont Exporters' school.

Record classified ads get results

Lions Ready for Role of "David" In Quannah Game

The curtain will go up promptly at 7:30 o'clock in the Vernon High School gymnasium on a production of "David and Goliath" staged by the basketball squads of Vernon and Quannah High schools.

The Goliaths, also known as the Quannah Indians, can annex the basketball championship of the Northwest Texas Conference for the second successive year by winning tonight.

The Davids, better known as the Vernon Lions, will seek to topple the league leaders from their lofty position and further scramble conference standings.

On the stage for Vernon as the drama begins will be Mark Belew, Homer Matney, Richard Nixon, Charlie Smith and "Jiggs" Childress.

NORTHSIDE DRAMATIC CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Northside dramatic club will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night at 7:15 o'clock in the Northside school. All members are urged to attend.

East Texans Win

San Marcos, Feb. 9. (AP)—Connor, towering center, scored 13 points last night as he paced the East Texas Teachers to a 39 to 25 victory over the Southwest Texas Teachers in a Lone Star Conference basketball game.

ERWIN FOSTER ELECTED 1937 COYOTE CAPTAIN

Wichita Falls, Feb. 9.—Erwin Foster, regular halfback with the Wichita Falls School Coyotes the past season, was elected Coyote captain for 1937 at the annual football banquet here Monday night. Foster, an honor student, will be a senior next season.

The banquet program featured an address by Blair Cherry, Amarillo High School coach who as accepted a position as assistant under Dana X. Bible, new head coach at the University of Texas.

Spinach was introduced to Europe about the fifteenth century. It is probably of Persian origin.

The Crosley Xervac

Is an apparatus developed by Dr. Andre A. Cueto. It is designed to stimulate and aid the growth of hair, and develop a healthy condition of the hair and scalp by increasing the efficiency of the circulation of blood in the deep tissues of the scalp. This is accomplished by alternating positive and negative (vacuum) pressures which may be varied to suit the individual case. These scalp treatments are being given at

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You will marvel at this value—All the new shades, Red, Blue, Grey, White.

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SENSATION
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Silk from top to toe!
ALL THE WANTED
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ELEEMOSYNARY NEEDS LISTED

\$14,228,229 ESTIMATED FOR TWO-YEAR PERIOD BY STATE BOARD

Austin, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Board of Control recommended Monday appropriations totaling \$14,228,229 for eleemosynary institutions in the biennium starting Sept. 1, 1937.

The recommendations, 24 per cent more than appropriations for the current two-year period, provided \$2,029,000 for construction of inmate buildings and \$807,000 for plants, storehouses and equipment. Salaries of physicians and employees would be increased an average of 10 per cent.

New inmate buildings recommended for the insane included: Austin State Hospital, two ward buildings for 270 patients, \$230,000; Rusk State Hospital, two buildings for 300 patients and renovation of old buildings, \$346,500; San Antonio State Hospital, six buildings for 810 patients, \$674,500.

For other institutions: Austin State School and Farm Colony, eight buildings housing 620, \$480,000; Abilene State Hospital, two buildings for 150, \$115,000; State Tuberculosis Sanatorium near San Angelo, one building for 72 patients, \$110,000; Girls Training School at Gainesville, one building for 60, \$60,000; State Orphans Home one boys' cottage \$12,500.

Appropriations for smaller additions to institutions were: Abilene State Hospital, assistant physicians' cottages and addition to laundry, \$14,500; Austin State Hospital, ice plant, dining hall and employees' dormitory, \$148,200; Austin State School, cottage, laundry, administration and storehouse building, \$17,000; Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, superintendent's house \$6,000; Galveston Psychopathic Hospital, storeroom addition, \$10,000; Girls' Training School, laundry building, \$12,000; home for dependent children, enlarging storeroom and sewing room and new gymnasium \$25,000.

Juvenile training school, renovating and fireproofing dormitory, \$18,000; State Orphans' Home, gymnasium, \$25,000; Rusk State Hospital, addition to ice plant, \$17,000; San Antonio State Hospital, ice plant, \$9,000; Terrell State Hospital, enlarging laundry building \$7,000; State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, employees' quarters, enlarging kitchen, dining room and children's building, \$75,000; Wichita Falls State Hospital, bakery meat shop, refrigeration room and occupational therapy houses for physician and engineer \$41,000.

The Board recommended a new hospital for the insane to be located in West Texas and to cost \$224,000. It would house 540 patients.

Record classified ads get results.

TWO ROAD PROJECTS AT PORT ARTHUR COMPARED

Port Arthur, Feb. 9. (AP)—Two highway structures being built here represent extremes of altitude. One is an underpass at the intersection of the Kansas City Southern Railroad tracks with the new boulevard on Highway 8, and the other the Port Arthur bridge across the Neches River.

The bridge, being erected at a cost of \$2,750,000 by the PWA, State Highway Department, and Jefferson County, will have a grade line of 84 feet, the highest above water of any highway bridge in Texas.

Contractors have begun laying the steel superstructure of the bridge, which is expected to be completed in about one year. Its total length with approaches will be 5.7 miles. Availability of the bridge will materially shorten the distance from points in Louisiana to the Texas Gulf Coast area.

EXPERIMENT STATION LAND MAY BE LEASED FOR OIL

Austin, Feb. 9. (AP)—The House of Representatives passed a bill Monday by Representative B. E. Quinn of Beaumont to authorize the leasing for oil development of lands belonging to Texas A. & M. College experimental stations. The proposal was designed particularly to permit drilling on the rice experimental station tract near Beaumont.

DUKE OF WINDSOR ESCORTS SISTER ON VIENNA TOUR

Vienna, Feb. 9. (AP)—Carefree and affectionate, the Duke of Windsor took his sister, Mary, to browse among the Hapsburg art collections in the Schoenbrunn Palace Monday, seemingly not so anxious as before to make haste in wedding Wallis Simpson.

It was reported authoritatively the Duke, after several intimate fire-side chats with the Princess Royal, now was inclined to more deliberation in making the wedding arrangements, and might decide on a civil ceremony in Hungary.

However, all authoritative quarters said they were "completely in the dark" as to rumors, circulated in London, that the Princess Royal was trying to persuade Edward not to marry the woman for whom he abdicated the mightiest throne in the world.

WICHITA FALLS WOMAN FILES \$10,125 DAMAGE SUIT

Oklahoma City, Feb. 9. (AP)—Mrs. Jewell Burns, Wichita Falls, Texas, filed a \$10,125 damage suit in District Court here Monday against the Southwestern Brewing Company and the Old King Distributing Company. She charged her automobile was struck by a truck operated by the companies Feb. 9, 1935, at Wichita Falls, that the automobile was demolished and she was injured seriously.

Record classified ads get results.

Aids Red Cross. Sonora, Texas, Feb. 9. (AP)—After Frank Mitchell, Negro garage employee, heard broadcast appeals for money to relieve suffering in the Ohio-Mississippi flood area, he decided last week something should be done about it. He began collecting any amount was accepted—and at the end of the day 82 persons had contributed \$29.70. The money was turned over to the county Red Cross chapter as part of Sutton County's quota for flood relief. Contributions ranged from two cents to \$2.50.

Robert Taylor's fan mail is so large that it takes four secretaries working overtime to answer requests.

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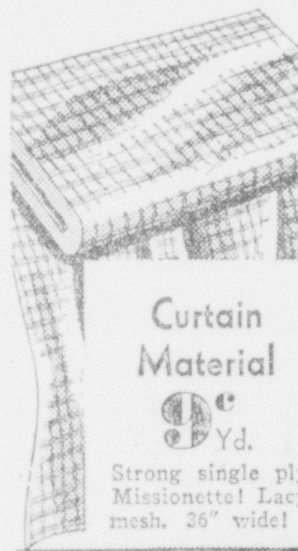
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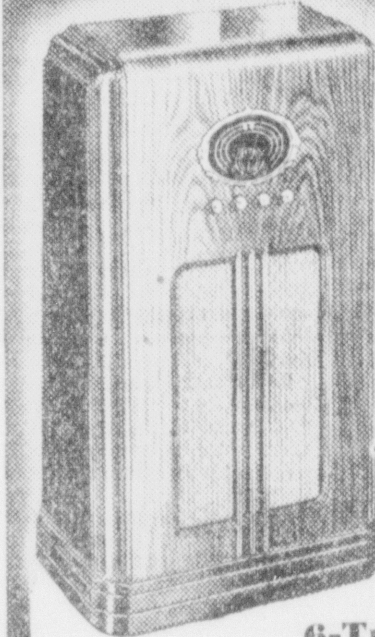


Colorful Cretonnes
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New spring patterns! Many colors! 36" wide.



Pique Stripe Fiber Shade
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Regularly 39¢! A smart washable shade! 36"x6 ft.

11 Tubes! \$100 Features!



Only the World's Largest Retailer of Radios Could Offer So Big a Buy!

Super-dynamic 12" SPEAKER!
World range; all 3 wave bands! BIG, 40" cabinet! Metal tubes plus tuning eye! Micrometer tuner! High fidelity. "FLASH SIGNALS" for tone, volume and wave band! Hurry!

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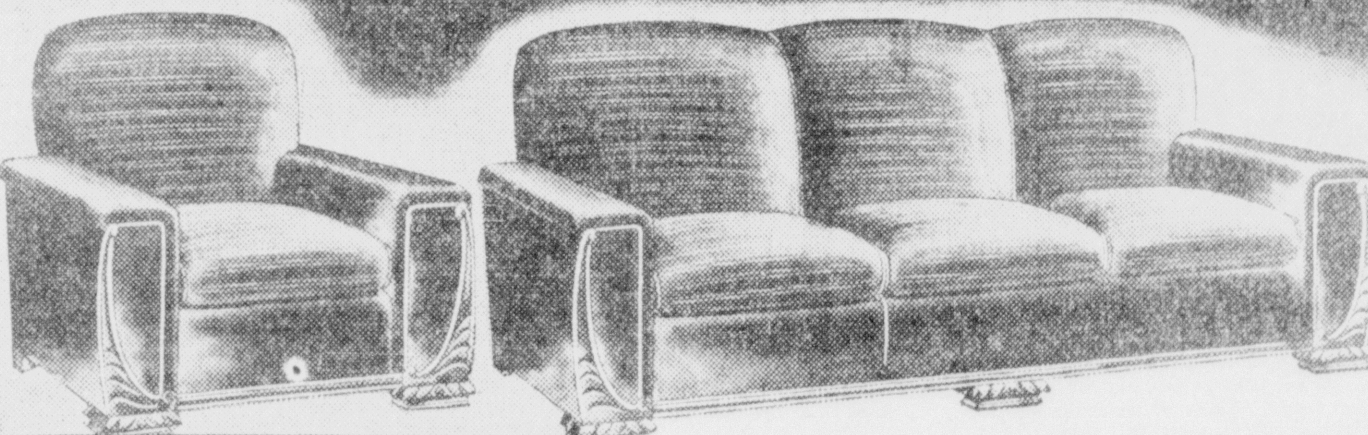
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Finest model! Lighted MOVIE DIAL! High fidelity! World range!

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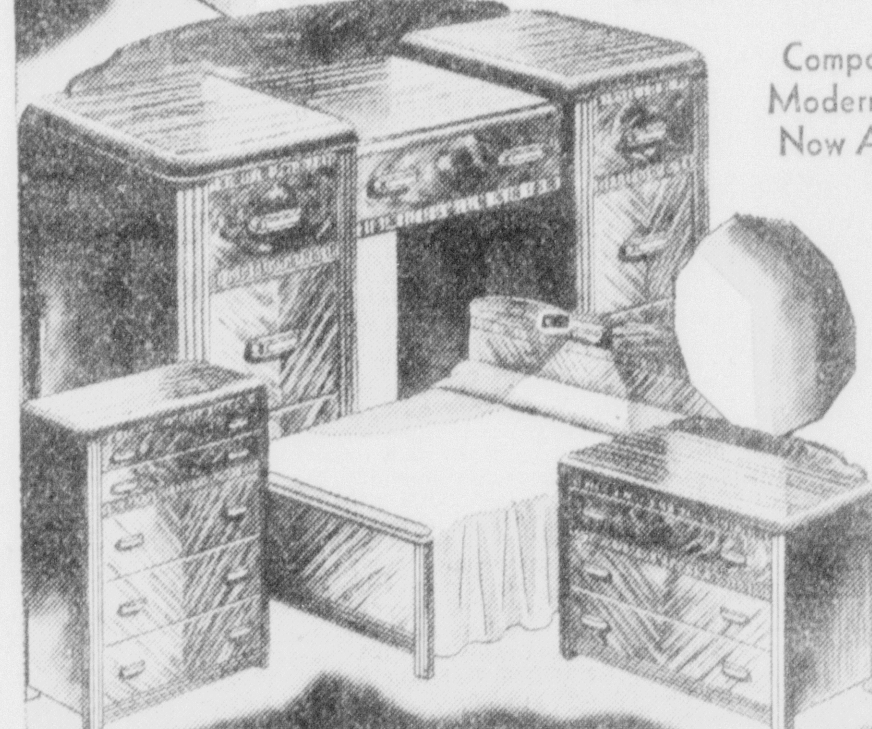
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\$5 DOWN, \$5 Monthly*

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Compare \$60 suites! Beautifully styled mohair with carved Queen Anne feet and front carvings! Colorful moquette cushions!
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Bench to match \$5.88
\$7 DOWN, \$7 Monthly, Plus Small Carrying Charge



Free 12 Pc. Cutlery Set to Match this Modern 1937 Kitchen Cabinet

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Modern in every way! 40x25 size stainless steel top gives you extra working space! 13 lb. flour bin! Pan rack! Comes in choice of enamel finishes!
\$3 DOWN, \$4 Monthly, Plus Carrying Charge



Vig-O-Rest Spring
Reg. \$12.95 **8.94**

Save \$3.00! Wards famous Vig-O-Rest! 99 coils, scientifically shaped! Enamel finish!



END TABLES
5 Styles! **3.88**

Compare \$5 table! Fancy inlaid veneer tops and marquetry designs!



Big! Comfortable Hi-Back Rocker
5.44

High, shaped form-fitting back! "No-Sag" spring seat! Rayon tapestry upholstered!



5 Pc. Dinette
\$35.00 Value! **24.88**

Solid oak or solid maple! Folding leaf in table! Upholstered seat chairs!



2pc. Modern Lounge!
Davenport 1 1/2 85 inches long and opens to a full size double bed! Extra broad arms! Combination tapestry and velvet cover!
Davenport . . . \$29.99
Reduced \$10 **59.88**
\$5 DOWN, \$6 Monthly, Plus Carrying Charge
Chair . . . \$24.88

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ELIMINATING SOME POLITICS.

Senate Bill Would Make State Superintendent of Schools an Appointive Officer.

A bill is in the hands of a committee of the State Senate proposing to make the office of State Superintendent appointive, instead of elective as at present. It is well that this measure is up for consideration at a time when no personal considerations are involved as regards any particular person. Texas has had a number of capable Superintendents, selected of course, by popular vote and apparently the present occupant of the office is giving a good administration.

But the fact that we have had some very capable Superintendents may be attributed merely to good fortune. It was not due to any special knowledge the average voter had concerning qualifications of candidates, because in the very nature of the case it is impossible for the average voter to inform himself concerning the qualifications of the scores of candidates seeking State offices.

The job of administering the State Department of Education is by no means a minor job. It is minor only in the thinking of the people as compared with such offices as Governor, Attorney General and Railroad Commissioner. In some respects it is more important than any of these other positions, but it is impossible for any candidate for the place to present his candidacy before the whole State without spending far more than he would receive in salary for several terms.

There is no ideal method of selecting public officials. Examples of success and failure can be cited for both elective and appointive systems, but in the main better results may be expected where purely administrative offices are filled by appointment. The State Board of Education should select a State Superintendent, just as the regents of the University and other State schools select the presidents. It is hardly less absurd for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to be campaigning for votes than for the president of the University of Texas to be engaged in that method of trying to hold his job.

BLAME ENGINEERS AS LEVEES HOLD.

Warning of Danger That Didn't Develop Arouses Criticism of Luncheon Club Members.

Evidence that heavy flood damage in the Mississippi Valley will be prevented is furnished in the fact that some civic organizations are criticizing Army engineers and other public officials with causing unnecessary alarm. It is very easy now to say it was a mistake for Army engineers to mobilize their resources for possible evacuation of half a million people from exposed sections in the event Mississippi levees failed to hold.

That the announcement of emergency plans caused alarm in the affected areas is not to be questioned. It is equally certain that this danger produced panicky conditions which temporarily hurt trade. It is this fact that has aroused the embattled luncheon club devotees, according to dispatches from Greenville, Miss.

Apparently the engineers should have known in advance that the levees would hold and they should have advised everybody to keep on with their usual activities. That would have been a fine thing to do, as it turns out with the flood crest passing on safely to the Gulf, but suppose the fears of the engineers had proved correct?

If the levees had not held and the lower Mississippi Valley had been flooded, as it has been in times past with terrible property losses and much loss of life, it would have been an entirely different story. Under these circumstances doubtless those who now denounce the engineers would be laying siege to have them dismissed from the service for incompetence and neglect of duty.

When the house doesn't burn, it is easy to see the fire department wasn't needed. That seems to be the case in Mississippi.

RUSSIA IS TURNING NATIONALIST.

Wide Publicity for Trials of Plotters Indicates Drift Away From Internationalism.

What is possibly the motivating force of the spectacular Soviet trials of the type recently witnessed in Moscow may escape attention. Censored dispatches reaching us from the Soviet capital can of necessity tell us little of the interplay of forces behind the scenes.

It is incredible, however, that the mere suppression of plotting, even on the part of high officials, should receive the attention which has been given the case of the 18 Communists accused of plotting with Trotsky. It would seem more reasonable, were this the sole motive in holding the trials, if the trials were conducted quietly with the dispatch of which the Soviet government is capable. Obviously, there must be some motive which causes Soviet officials not only to allow but to encourage wide publicity.

It will be recalled that the original concept of Communism, as taught by Marx and followed by Lenin, had as its ideal the world-wide state. Lenin advocated this conception until his death and under his leadership the spirit of nationalism in Russia was displaced by the creed of internationalism.

Today Russia must face the fact that war with Germany and Japan may be disquietingly near. Stalin, a hard-headed realist, readily sees the danger to the Soviet Union and to Communism if Russians prefer an attempt at arousing the people of Germany to join them in a Communist crusade instead of making ready for conflict with a people they have been taught to regard as comrades.

OIL OUTPUT GOES HIGHER

THIRD NEW MARK REACHED IN CRUDE PRODUCTION DURING WEEK

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 9. (AP)—The third new high production mark of the year, 3,210,794 barrels daily for the week ending Feb. 6, was reported today by the Oil and Gas Journal.

The average daily output figure was 30,574 barrels higher than a week ago and compared to the last mark of 4,197,457 for the week ending Jan. 26.

Oklahoma production increased 4,000 barrels daily to 591,750 barrels. East Texas increased 32 to 452,956 barrels daily and the total State of Texas showed a jump of 30,346 barrels daily to 1,301,474.

Louisiana showed an increase of 21 barrels daily to 251,543 barrels. California was up 1,600 barrels to 285,090 barrels and Kansas decreased 8,500 barrels daily to 165,125.

FLORIDA CITRUS GROWERS ASK FREIGHT RATE CUT

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—Leaders of Florida's citrus industry asked railroad representatives today for a 50 per cent reduction in grapefruit freight rates for the remainder of this shipping season to help solve an overproduction crisis.

The Association of American Railroads called the hearing at the suggestion of Carroll Miller, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission which has no authority to grant the rate reduction.

Governor Fred P. Cone of Florida, members of the State's congressional delegation and others told Miller two weeks ago the season's record production of grapefruit could be moved through a sharp reduction in rail rates. Such a reduction, they learned, can be effected only by voluntary agreement of producers and carriers.

In his answer to the ICC Chairman, J. J. Pelley, president of the railroad association, said it would be unreasonable to expect a reduction in grapefruit rates without a similar cut on oranges and other citrus fruits.

Representatives of California and Texas citrus growers attended the hearing also.

ROOSEVELT AND ASTAIRE WIN TAILORS' PRAISE

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—President Roosevelt, who started a style with his usual inauguration day cutaway, and Fred Astaire, movie star, credited with taking the comedy out of the tailcoat, topped a list today of 16 male fashion leaders.

The line-up of Twentieth Century American Beau Brummels was announced by the Merchant Tailors' Designers Association, which is meeting here.

"Mr. Roosevelt," said I. H. Milbourn of New York, association president, "is the only President in the past 20 years who could intelligently be termed a well dressed man and the only one in years whose formal clothes have not looked moth-eaten."

"He is conservative, but he has originated several vogues, notably the cutaway made entirely of one material which he wore at his second inauguration. He is always perfectly dressed for the occasion."

Milbourn said Astaire "is responsible for convincing the American man that a tailcoat is not a comic or stiffified, but a correct and good looking garment."

Lucius Beebe, New York newspaper columnist, was included in the list as "the greatest dandy of his time—a perfectionist in dress."

RED RIVER FLOOD PLANS FAVORED BY SAM RAYBURN

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—Representative Sam Rayburn of Bonham, Texas, has endorsed a plan of the Red River Dam Association to organize a campaign at Shreveport, La., on March 12 for Federal funds for the Denison flood control dam.

In a letter to J. W. Menden of Denison, Rayburn suggested the meeting center the advisability of making a direct appeal to Washington before a formal report of a recent Army Engineers' survey of the project is sent to the Vicksburg, Miss., and Washington offices.

He said he hoped to be able to attend the Shreveport meeting.

The Engineers have almost completed a \$500,000 survey of the project preparatory to actual construction. Cost estimates range from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000 depending on whether the dam will be used strictly for flood control purposes or also for generation of hydro-electric power.

SAN ANGELO HATCHERY GETS NEW BROOD FISH

San Angelo, Feb. 9. (AP)—The State fish hatchery here, which lost most of its brood fish in the flood last September, has obtained 400 from Kerrville and now has enough for propagation in 1937, Edgar Mosel, superintendent, says. The bass will be placed in the brood ponds early in March and spawn late in the month. Mosel says he plans to turn out more catfish this year than usual. The hatchery produced 750,000 fish last year.

The flood and loss of brood fish was not without benefit, Mosel says, because many pest fish—gar and carp—were washed out of Lake Nasworthy.

CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE MARKS GALVESTON EVENT

Galveston, Feb. 9. (AP)—King Frivolous XX, merry monarch of Mardi Gras, was the undisputed ruler of Galveston today, and the populace was looking forward with great anticipation toward tonight's revels at the city auditorium when Frivolous will reign over a court at which the glories of ancient Rome will be reproduced.

"Normal Granary" Plan Considered By Farm Leaders

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—Farm leaders attempted today to fit the Administration's "ever-normal granary" proposal to the needs of the wheat farmers, the cotton growers and other producers of major commodities.

With few exceptions, 62 agricultural leaders invited here by Secretary Wallace commented favorably on his broad National farm program.

He calls for storing a major crop in good years in order to provide for poor seasons, with rigid crop reductions when supplies become excessive.

Edward A. O'Neal, of Chicago, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said most of those attending the conference "wanted to go ahead and try this plan out."

L. A. Taber of Columbus, Ohio, master of the National Grange, said he thought most farmers "were in sympathy with the proposals in the main but we want to look and talk them over."

TEXAS CLAIM ON GREEN ESTATE TO GET HEARING

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—The Supreme Court has consented to hear arguments March 8 on the right of Texas to start litigation designed to determine the legal residence of Colonel Edward H. Green—son of the fabulously wealthy Hetty Green—at the time of his death last June.

Texas contended Green's domicile was in Dallas and sought to collect an inheritance tax on the estate estimated at more than \$50,000,000.

McCrack, Texas Attorney General, estimated his State's levy would approximate \$10,000,000.

The Texas motion for leave to file a bill of complaint was directed against New York, Massachusetts and Florida. Hetty Green Wilks, sister of Green, and Mabel Harlow Green, his sister.

The Texas brief said Green claimed that State as his domicile ever since 1923. The other States also claimed him as a resident.

Massachusetts and New York also filed motions to dismiss the Texas bill of complaint on the ground there was no justifiable controversy between any States involved.

MAN PLEADS GUILTY AFTER PICTURE LEADS TO ARREST

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 9. (AP)—Joseph W. Martin, whose picture published in a detective story magazine led to his arrest, pleaded guilty in superior court here Monday to two charges of forgery.

Police said a patient in a New York hospital saw Martin, who occupied a nearby bed, looking at his picture in a detective magazine and caused his arrest. Martin, once a "bit" actor in the movies, had been sought for nearly a year by police here on charges of forging checks totaling \$442. The county grand jury indicted him on six counts.

Martin asked for probation and hearing on the plea was set for Feb. 24.

TRUCK SHIPMENT OF COTTON DELAYED BY UNION

San Pedro, Calif., Feb. 9. (AP)—The International Longshoremen's Association war declined to permit 10 cotton trucks from Arizona to unload at its unloading berth here unless they are unloaded by members of the Warehousemen's Union, I. L. A. subsidiary.

Union officials said the trucks carry cargoes sufficient to make them subject to a rule requiring that union men must be employed to handle truck cargoes of 3,000 pounds or more.

The truck crews remained idle awaiting instructions from the owners.

ARMY FLIER INJURED IN CRASH OF PLANE IN OHIO

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 9. (AP)—Lieutenant Carl Zieler of Selfridge Field, Mich., was in a critical condition today of injuries received when his plane crashed and caught fire at Bernard airport on the edge of Youngstown.

The Army Air Corps flier was pulled from the flaming wreckage by friends with whom he had visited only a few minutes before. Zieler blamed a stalled motor.

MARTIN JOHNSON'S WIDOW TO CONTINUE EXPLORATION

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 9. (AP)—Mrs. Martin (Osa) Johnson declared from her hospital bed Monday she will carry on the exploration and jungle motion picture work in which she and her late husband were partners for 27 years.

DELEGATES LEAVE FOR RED RIVER "PEACE CONFERENCE"


Oklahoma City, Feb. 9. (AP)—Oklahoma's seven-man legislative delegation to a Texas "peace conference" on Red River fishing rights left the Capitol Monday for Dallas.

From the Senate went J. A. Rinehart, El Reno, Jos B. Thompson, Ardmore, John A. Macdonald, Davila, Acme, opposite the Rio, to bring American tourists to Mexico by enrolling them as members. Under a new Federal law, persons desiring to hunt or fish in Mexico are required to be members of a hunting club.

Hunting Club Planned.

Eagle Pass, Feb. 9. (AP)—A fishing and hunting club, headed by Humberto Garza, has been organized at Villa Acuna, opposite the Rio, to bring American tourists to Mexico by enrolling them as members. Under a new Federal law, persons desiring to hunt or fish in Mexico are required to be members of a hunting club.

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POST-STRIKE SETTLEMENT PUSHED ON WEST COAST

San Francisco, Feb. 9. (AP)—Work along the Pacific Coast waterfronts gradually approached normal today as the steady movement of ships and cargo lessened the pressure of activity which marked the end of the recent 98-day maritime strike.

A jurisdictional dispute involving longshoremen and ship's crews temporarily halted the working of some coastwise freighters but negotiators intensified their efforts to iron out the post-strike difficulties. Five ships in three ports were wharf-bound by the disagreement.

H. P. Melinkow, labor adviser for the I. L. A., said here that the agreement had a wide loophole but he expressed belief an understanding could be reached "if the shipowners are reasonable."

WHEAT CROP INSURANCE MEASURE IS SUBMITTED

Washington, Feb. 9. (AP)—Senator Pope, Democrat, Idaho, proposed in a bill Monday to set up a \$100,000,000 wheat crop insurance corporation.

Pope said the measure was written with Agriculture Department cooperation and was designed to conform to recommendations of President Roosevelt's special crop insurance committee.

The Government would subscribe the corporation's stock.

FORMER ARIZONA LEADER OF DEMOCRATS SUCCEDES

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 9. (AP)—Ralph (Pop) Gunst, 76, former Democratic leader, legislator and baseball enthusiast, died here Monday of pneumonia.

Gunst was born in Atlanta, Ga., and before coming to Tucson in 1916 had been in business in Mason, Ga., Woodville, Fort Adams and Yazoo City, Miss. Denver, and Albuquerque. He had served as postmaster and mayor at Fort Adams, and was a former Arizona legislator.


Humble Oil Elects Chairman.

Houston, Feb. 9. (AP)—R. L. Blaffer was elevated Monday from the presidency to the chairmanship of the board of the Humble Oil and Refining Company. The board had not had a chairman since R. S. Sterling served in that position before he was elected Governor of Texas several years ago. H. C. Wiess, who had served as executive vice president, was named president.

Two Held in Slaying.

Crockett, Feb. 9. (AP)—Harvey Alverson and J. E. McCall were at liberty today under bonds of \$5,000 each in connection with the death Monday of Lonnie Chandler, 55, Chandler died of a skull fracture suffered at Lovelady Jan. 25.

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FOR SALE—2,500 bushels bright barley, 48 pounds to bushel. J. W. Robinson, Woodson, Throckmorton County, Texas. 83-71p

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
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AGE'S yacht, GOLDEN GULL, off
Miami, to investigate the disap-
pearance of BOLITHO BLANE,
British financier and Rocksavage's
chief competitor in world soap
trade. Detective Officer KETTER-
ING finds strange marks on Blane's
cabin carpet and blood on the
curtain.

Kettering examines all passen-
gers including NICHOLAS STOD-
ART, Blane's secretary; ROCK-
savage and his daughter FERRIE;
LADY WELTER; REGINALD and
MRS. JOCELYN, Lady Welter's
daughter and son-in-law; the
BISHOP OF BUDE; COUNT LUGI
POSODINI and INOSUKE HAY-
ASHI.

Kettering finds in preliminary
interviews that Rocksavage sought
a merger with Blane to save their
companies; that Lady Welter is
heavily interested; that Hayashi
desperately sought to sell either to
Blane or Rocksavage; a huge soap
monopoly; that Posodini is a con
man; that the Bishop bears some
mysterious relationship to Rock-
savage.

Then later, through police check-
ups he learns, too, that Posodini is
an ex-convict; that Rocksavage's
former partner died mysteriously
in his office; that the Bishop was
involved in an unsavory scandal
during the World War.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XII

DETECTIVE OFFICER KETTER-
ING'S FOURTH REPORT.

I have to acknowledge your memo
of today's date, together with cable
report from Scotland Yard upon Mr.
Blane, the Bishop of Bude, Lady
Welter and Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn;
also about Mr. Hayashi from the
Japanese police; the identification
particulars of George ("Slick") Dan-
iels, alias Count Posodini; and the
information supplied by you about
Mr. and Miss Rocksavage.

Last night I decided that it would
be a good thing to have a talk with
Nicholas Stodart in order to find
out from him as many particulars as
possible about Blane's life and af-
fairs. I therefore suggested that he
should join me for dinner as all my
meals are served separately in the
small writing room in which I am
conducting my examinations.

He agreed readily enough, but the
meal did not prove a particularly
happy one as Stodart has a small
abscess and, on account of this, is
suffering somewhat with pain when
eating solids. He is also very dis-
tressed by his employer's death which
leaves him without a situation, and

I gather, very little money. He talk-
ed quite freely, however, and the fol-
lowing is such information as I
gleaned from this interview.

**PARTICULARS GATHERED FROM
A TALK WITH BLANE'S SECRE-
TARY, NICHOLAS STODART.**
Blane was a generous, but diffi-
cult employer. The work which he
demanded of his secretary was light
but, on the other hand, he liked to
have him at his beck and call the
whole time, and part of the under-
standing on Stodart's engagement
was that except in very special cir-
cumstances, he would not be allowed
any free time off duty.

This suited Stodart as he is quite
alone in the world and has no rela-
tives or friends whom he wished to
visit.

His story is as follows:—He is 46
years of age and was born at Felix-
stowe, Suffolk, England. His mother
died at the time of his birth and his
father was employed in the Indian
Forestry Department.

During his early childhood Stodart
lived with a maiden aunt, the sole
surviving member of his mother's
family, to whom she had come home
when she was about to have her
baby. The aunt was killed in a rail-
way accident, however, when Stodart
was eight years of age, and so he
was sent to a boarding school in
Felixstowe and he never saw his
father, except during four periods
of leave at intervals of several years,
until he was sixteen, when he left
school and went out to live with his
father in India.

For the next few years he studied
accountancy and, having served an
apprenticeship with Messrs. Wayne,
Robins & Co., of Calcutta, he suc-
ceeded in obtaining a position with
the Rangra Rubber Company. His
duties with this company entailed
visits to numerous rubber planta-
tions owned by the company, where
he spent anything from a week to
a fortnight inspecting the accounts
on the spot twice yearly, and then
moved on to another station. His
friends, therefore, consisted solely
of planters that he visited solely
yearly, since he was never able to
settle down for any lengthy period
in one place and create a permanent
circle of friends.

He enlisted in 1914, but was not
sent home, being drafted as one of
the reserves to the India Frontier
Force, and thus spent the whole of
his war service in northern India.
His father died in 1917 and Stodart
was disappointed to find that his
father left practically nothing.

He had always assumed that, as
his father could spend very little
in his isolated forest station he
must be saving a good portion of his
salary, but on Stodart senior's death,
it was found that he was an invete-
rate gambler and had invested all
his savings in various companies

which held out prospects of enor-
mous dividends from oil, gold, etc.,
but proved to be worthless concerns.
His father's death did not improve
Stodart's position, therefore, and
he was not able to save very much
out of his moderate salary.

He received promotion in his firm
from time to time but never rose
higher in it than deputy accountant
at a salary of 800 pounds a year.
Then he suffered a big setback be-
cause his firm went under in 1931,
owing to world depression, so he
found himself out of a job at the
age of 41.

He remained in India for a fur-
ther two years, partly living on his
savings and partly by temporary
work which he managed to obtain
with one or two firms in rush pe-
riods.

Early in 1934 he decided that the
prospects of earning his living in
India were becoming more and more
hazardous and so he decided to re-
turn to his mother country. There,
however, he did not meet with any
better fortune as there were few
openings for men of his age and
scope. Until early this year he man-
aged to support himself by taking
various temporary clerical posts, but
he had practically exhausted his
savings, and was in a pretty bad
way, when he noticed an advertise-
ment in a local paper.

The advertisement offered a per-
manent post with good remunera-
tion to a man free of all responsi-
bilities, who was prepared to travel
if necessary. Qualifications demand-
ed were that the applicant must be
under fifty, but have had at least
twenty years' experience in a secre-
tarial post, or as an executive in a
business office. Public school edu-
cation not essential but must possess
decent manners and appearance.

The advertisement appeared in the
East Anglian Times and applicants
were asked to apply to a Mr. Ben-
wood at the White Horse Hotel, Ip-
swich. Stodart was staying in the
town at the time, so he called and
managed to secure the job.

Having taken him on, Benwood
explained that his real name was
Bolitho Blane but he had not adver-
tised under his real name in order to
avoid unnecessary publicity. He took
Stodart of the next day to his home
at Cobham in Surrey. For the next
fortnight Stodart acted as Blane's
secretary but his duties were very
light as Blane did nearly all his
business over the wire, and never
went to London. Stodart, in fact, was
never even called on to visit the
London offices of Blane's companies,
nor did he meet any of Blane's ex-
ecutives as, during this period, none
of them came down to see him.

In the latter part of February
Blane informed Stodart that they
would shortly be leaving for the
United States and explained the rea-
son for his decision to make the trip.
By that time Stodart, of course, had
acquired a certain knowledge of
Blane's situation and his financial
position, so he was competent to un-
dertake the secretarial work which
Blane gave him on the voyage over.

Stodart says himself that it seemed
queer Blane should take on a
complete stranger for this job of
secretary with very little knowledge
about him, but he thinks that Blane
already had the American trip in
mind when he engaged him and was
anxious to have somebody with him
who was capable of doing the odd
jobs in connection with his journey
and, at the same time, competent to
take accurate notes of his confer-
ence with Rocksavage, yet someone
completely outside his business, so
that there could not possibly be any
leakage of information about what
occurred at the conference to any of
his other employees in his London
office.

(To Be Continued)

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dence to help you solve the crime.

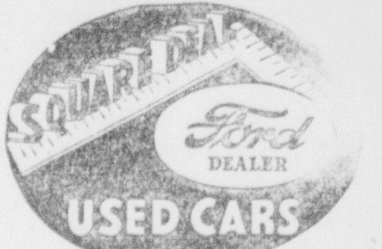
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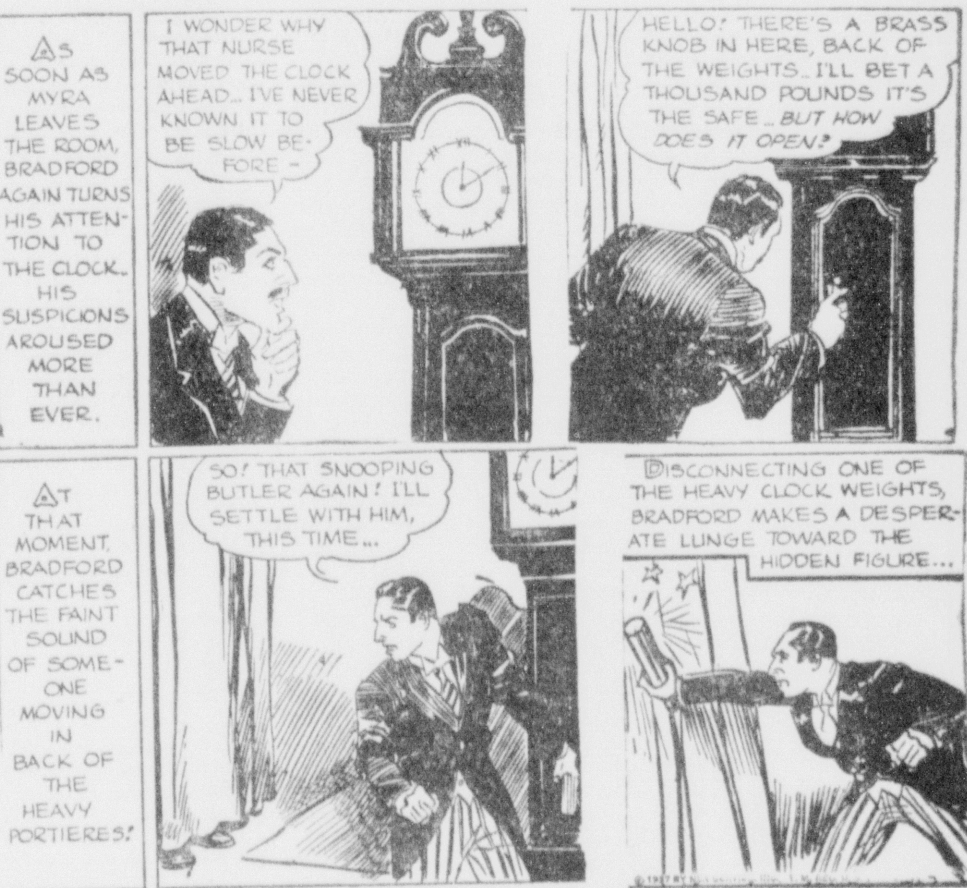
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TROTSKY IN NEW ARGUMENT

MEXICAN STUDENTS AND
COMMUNISTS THREATEN
CLASH OVER TALKS

Mexico City, Feb. 9. (AP)—Fighting threatened today between Leon Trotsky's Communist enemies and his University friends as the Russian exile nervously prepared to tell a New York audience his version of the recent anti-Soviet conspiracy trial in Moscow.

Mexican students defied Communist organizations striving to keep Trotsky a prisoner in the suburban villa of Diego Rivera, his host and benefactor in Mexico.

They intimated they would answer force with force if Communists attempted to prevent the one-time Russian War Commissar from appearing publicly or lecturing at the University.

Trotsky, a political refugee here over the protests of many Communists who charged he was a foe of Soviet Russia, went into seclusion awaiting the hour for his two telephone-and-loudspeaker addresses — one a 40-minute talk in English, the other a 15-minute Russian speech — tonight at 10 p. m. (E.S.T.).

BERMUDA SOD USED IN
TEXAS EROSION PROGRAM

Nacogdoches, Texas, Feb. 9. (AP)—A CCC Camp working here under supervision of the United States Soil Conservation Service, has used 106,700 square yards, or the equivalent of 21 1-2 acres of bermuda sod in various phases of erosion control work in this region, CCC officials say.

The sod was used to provide sodded outlets for terrace systems on 66 channels having a total length of nearly seven miles. A total of 1,020 acres of terraced land drains into these channels, and 63,000 square yards were used in sodding 2,000 acres of pasture.

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Use of Army Fort Gives Problem to Big Bend Rancher

Valentine, Texas, Feb. 9. (AP)—Near the Mexican border where Pancho Villa's bandit forays caused an American troop concentration in 1916, C. Esby Miller owns a United States Army post that was never garrisoned.

The isolated post, built on Miller's cattle ranch 12 miles west of Valentine, was one of a chain thrown up in the mountainous Big Bend country to defend the frontier against raids.

It is located near Z-H Springs where a troop of Negro cavalry was massacred by the Indians in frontier days. The Indians killed the troops as they slept in camp at the springs and, for years afterward, dozens of weather-warped cavalry boots were found there.

Miller has tried in vain to find some practical way of utilizing the fine stone buildings, built by the government at a cost of around \$100,000. The nearest he came was in 1919 when he contracted with a New York concern to start a cattle ranch. The depression killed this enterprise.

The War Department constructed the post and named it "Camp Holland" but never detailed troops to garrison it. It is located on what is known as the Old Viejo Trail, a route leading into Mexico across the near-by Rio Grande.

When peace came to the borderland, the army sold the fort and the piping system it installed to carry water from Z-H Springs. Miller now pipes the water to his ranch house.

He has about given up hope of finding any use for the buildings which, except for broken window panes and weathered roofs, are about as good as the day they were built. "If Mexican border troubles should come again," he says, "the army would be likely to leave the place. But as it stands, I have a fort without any war."

MARRIAGE ANNULLED WHEN
MAN ADMITS "HE" IS WOMAN

Galveston, Feb. 9. (AP)—Lenora Ingersoll's testimony that her "husband," B. S. Ingersoll, was a woman had resulted today in an annulment of their marriage. Judge Charles G. Dibrell restored the plaintiff's former name to Lenora Hollingsworth. She testified a physician corroborated her "husband's" admission "he" was a woman.

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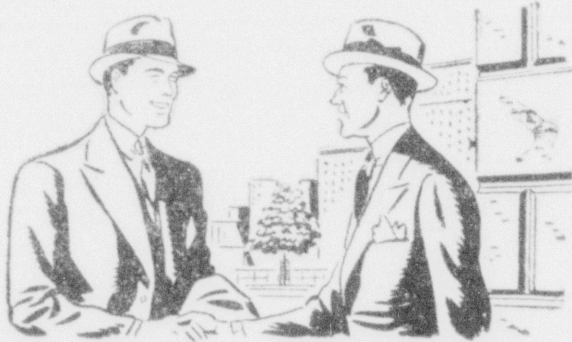
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OIL TAX HIKE BILLS HEARD

STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE
GIVEN EXPLANATION BY
AUTHORS OF PLANS

Austin, Feb. 9. (AP)—The House revenue and taxation committee prepared to continue its hearing on increased oil production taxes today.

Two bills, estimated to add from \$16,000,000 to \$28,000,000 annually to present levies and said to place Texas ahead of other states in competitive world markets with advantages gained in transportation costs, were explained by their authors at a hearing Monday night.

The authors suggested amendments exempting stripper wells but doubt was expressed they would survive court tests.

Representative Ross K. Prescott of Santa Anna would increase the present 2 1/2 per cent tax to 3 cents per barrel while Representative J. N. Reed of Texarkana asked a 10-cent tax.

The argument of J. C. Hunter of Abilene, independent, was that the 10-cent tax would prevent conservation by causing loss of millions of barrels of oil.

GAINESVILLE LAWYER AT
91 CONTINUES ACTIVE

Gainesville, Texas, Feb. 9. (AP)—W. O. Davis, 91, believed to be the oldest active lawyer in Texas, represented clients in several civil cases during the Winter term of the Sixteenth District Court now in session, and has several others listed for hearing.

Davis does not use a cane, for which, he says, "I never had any use," walks six blocks from home to office in preference to riding in the family automobile, and walks up the long flight of stairs to his desk.

Recently he said: "In a few years I will be the last of the Confederate veterans in Gainesville and then I can tell some hair-raising war stories without danger of being challenged."

The veteran came to Texas 67 years ago from his native Georgia, piloting a six-horse team and wagon to Waxahachie. He reached Gainesville, then a village of approximately 300 persons, July 4, 1870. Davis assisted in preparing the city charter and was elected to the first city council in 1872.

He maintains an interest in city affairs, and when the aldermanic government he assisted in founding was changed to city manager form in 1925, he was again a member of the first council, and was chosen mayor when 82 years of age.

OKLAHOMA OIL COMPANY
APPEALS LEASE DECISION

Oklahoma City, Feb. 9. (AP)—The British-American Oil Producing Co. has appealed to the State Supreme Court from a District Court ruling giving the Midway Oil Company half interest in the rich Pierson and Russell place tracts in the Oklahoma City oil field.

The tracts are estimated at \$5,000,000. The Midway contended it owned half interest in the leases on the tracts because of an agreement with British-American to drill test wells as a joint venture.

The British-American contended the agreement had ended before development of the two tracts.

Peter Pays Paul.

New York, Feb. 9. (AP)—Howard Swift, taxi driver, brought Harry Shaw into court when the latter refused to pay a \$2.25 taxi bill. "It was too much," Shaw complained. "How do you know?" asked the judge. "I'm a taxi driver myself," said Shaw. Swift settled for \$1.50.

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Temple, Texas, Feb. 9. (AP)—A study to determine the relationship between the Southern tenant system and soil productivity is being conducted in three sections of Texas.

The work is under supervision of E. J. Holcomb of the Land Tenure and Labor Relations section of the AAA and J. M. Ward, land economist at the State Agricultural Experiment Station.

Holcomb says an exhaustive study in Southern Iowa three years ago showed tenant farmers let the land "run down" faster than owner-operator farmers, principally because landlords offered tenants no encouragement to preserve soil fertility.

If the Texas study shows a similar condition, Holcomb says, long-term landlord-tenant agreements will be worked out and offered for adoption to correct the condition.

Another objective, he says, is to find out whether the AAA's present system of dividing benefit payments between landlords and tenants is equitable, and what effect, if any, the system has on the tenant situation.

Temple is headquarters for the study in the blackland region, Tyler for the east study, and Anson for the West Texas study, in Jones County.

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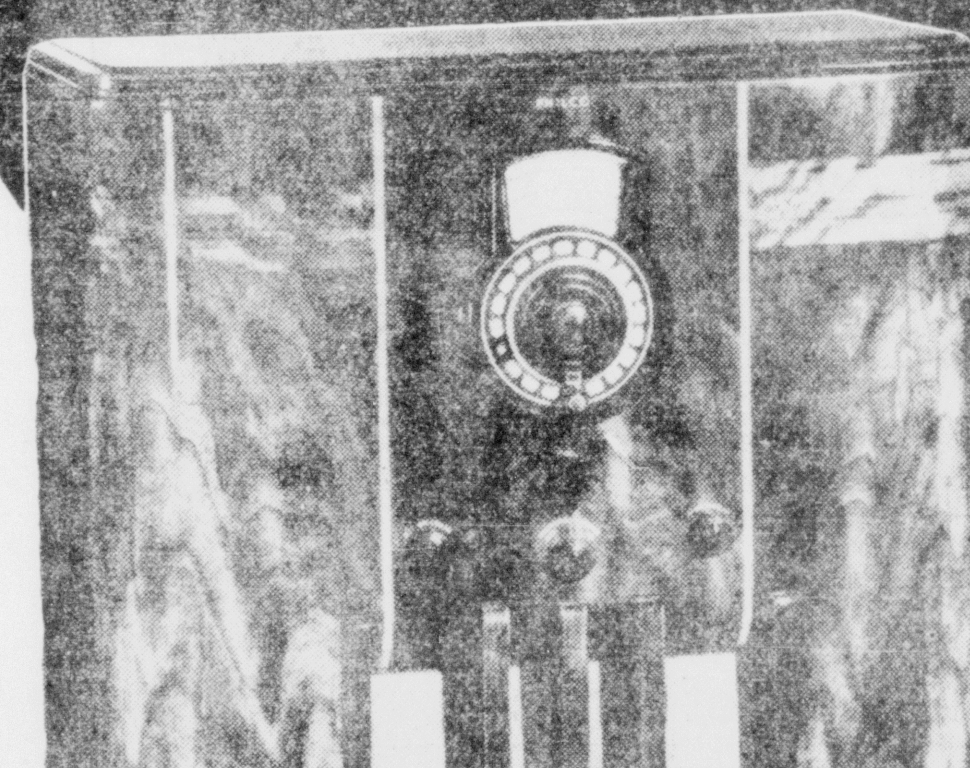
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